

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended). A latch and release mechanism for a drawer slide comprising, in combination;

a first slide channel with a web section;

a second slide channel slidably receiving the first channel for movement longitudinally between a projected, open position and a retracted position;

a first cantilever spring member mounted on the first channel and including a first end attached to the first channel and a second free end spaced from the first channel web section;

a stop lug on the second channel projecting into a pathway of the free end of the first spring member for engagement by the first spring free end upon movement of the first channel to the open position to prevent movement of the first channel to said retracted position; and

a cantilever spring release lever slidably mounted on the first channel and having a first manual activation outer end and a second inner first spring member engaging end, said release lever slidable to engage the activation end against the first spring member engaging end to move the first spring member out of engagement with the stop lug in said pathway;

a second cantilever spring member mounted on the first channel web section, said second spring member having a free end projecting toward the first spring free end and into the pathway for engaging said stop lug and limiting the sliding movement of the first

slide channel toward the open position and in combination with the first cantilever spring member maintaining the first and second channels in a substantially fixed, non-slidable position; and

an auxiliary spring release member mounted on the second channel for manual engagement simultaneously with the first and second cantilever spring members to move the first and second spring members from the pathway position for engaging the stop lug.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The mechanism according to Claim 1 wherein the first and second ~~latch levers~~ spring members are flexible, thin, metallic elements.

6. (Currently Amended) The mechanism according to Claim 1 wherein the auxiliary ~~latch-actuator~~ spring member is also a thin, metallic, cantilever element attached to the ~~intermediate member~~ second channel.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The mechanism according to Claim 1 further including a projecting tab on the release lever, and a bumper element on the second channel for engaging the projecting tab upon movement of the second channel toward the retracted position wherein the to reset the release lever is reset to its ready position for engagement with the stop lug when the slide assembly is closed.

9. (Canceled).